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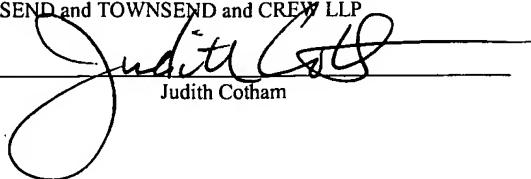
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Huda Akil *et al.*

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2006 ("Office Action"), and the accompanying Request to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. The three-month extension date for the present response was Sunday, August 13, 2006. As this response is being filed on the next business day, Applicants believe it is being timely filed.

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Reply to Office Action of February 13, 2006

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.